

The State vs. Carpenter and Stevens

CORROBORATION OF MRS. <sup>Gibson</sup> ~~Stevens~~

Mule tracks and Mule Dung

Schwartz, Mason, and Devereaux, three Newark detectives brought into the case by Mott late in October, and forty-four days (according to Simpson) after the murders, identify hoof prints, mule dung, and marks on bark of cedar saplings as made by a mule!

Detective Totten, who examined the ground around the bodies on September 14, testified that the ground was so extremely hard (as a result of dry weather) that he could not find tracks of automobiles or persons walking.

Erling

Saw Mrs. Gibson in DeRussey Lane at point opposite spring at least two thousand feet towards her home from the crabapple tree, between nine and ten o'clock, in any event apparently before ten o'clock. (Note that there is no testimony other than Mrs. Gibson's that any shots were heard prior to ten o'clock.) Hoag

Erling heard no shots whatever, nor any quarreling or screaming, nor any noisy, rickety wagon, or any wagon.

He says the girl with him (Mrs. Wahler) also saw Mrs. Gibson. (Mrs. Wahler says she was with him but denies seeing Mrs. Gibson or anyone in the lane that night.)

Mrs. Gibson does not mention anything about Erling in her narrative.

Erling mentions nothing about Mrs. Gibson being in a hurry when she stopped to look in his Ford "for half a minute."

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McCarten  
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MILE TRACKS, ETC.

Detective Totten, cross-examination, p. 26.

Detective Totten said, "Search was made; the ground was very hard, there were no tracks of automobiles. You could scarcely see the track of a person walking on the ground--you could not."



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STATEMENTS BY MRS. HALL

James Mills

"They are dead or they would come home." 2 11

*I am looking at a blank wall 2 11*  
~~"I am at sea. I don't know what to make of it."~~

Inquiry to police made Friday morning if there were any casualties.

"Mr. Hall is on some institutional work in South Jersey" (Deiner).

Louise Geist

William Stevens said, "Don't tell Frances I told you, something happened last night."

"I thought he would come last night but I know he won't come tonight."

Barbara Tough

"Oh, Barbara, Mr. Hall has not been home all night."

"Oh, Barbara, where is Mr. Hall?"

"Will you wash these (socks) for him?"